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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 3386

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ISSUE

REF: STATE 97813 (DTG 300047Z APR 77) (NOTAL)

1. DCM CALLED ON MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS
DIRECTOR SOYLEMEZ MAY 3 TO RAISE POINTS CITED IN REFTEL
CONCERNING NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ISSUE. (DCM ALSO
DISCUSSED AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF AND AIRSPACE DISPUTES
REPORTED SEPTTEL.)
 2. DCM'S PRESENTATION STRESSED ALL POINTS IN REFTEL, PARTICULARLY
THOSE IN PARA 2. DCM PREFACED DEMARCHE WITH "PERSONAL
OBSERVATION" THAT IT APPEARED TURK-CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH'S
COLLEAGUES, IN ESTABLISHING ERCAN AIRSPACE CONTROL, HAD
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- ATTEMPTED TO TAKE A STEP WHICH WOULD INCREASE INTERNATIONAL
ACCEPTANCE OF THE LEGITIMACY OF THE TFSC, BUT IN FACT THE
EFFECT HAD BEEN THE REVERSE -- ERCAN, WITH THE ADDITIONAL
PROBLEMS IT POSED FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION, WAS GIVING THE
TFSC AN IMAGE OF IRRESPONSIBILITY.
3. SOYLEMEZ WAS QUITE DISTURBED BY WHAT HE LABELLED AS

THE UNEXPECTED "HARD WORDS" IN BOTH THE DCM'S PERSONAL OBSERVATION AND IN THE DEMARCHE. BRIEFLY, SOYLEMEZ MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--THE GOT IS THE "WONG ADDRESSEE". HE SAID THAT AT RECENT MONTREAL ICAO SESSION, HE HAD EXPLAINED GOT POSITION TO THE ICAO PRESIDENT AND HAD ARRANGED FOR ICAO OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH "TFSC CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR NEVZET ALI WHO HAD EXPLAINED THE TECHNICAL REASONS WHICH OBLIGATED THE TFSC TO ESTABLISH THE ERCAN SERVICE. AT THE MONTREAL MEETING, "NO ONE" HAD RAISED QUESTION OF POLITICAL RECOGNITION OR OBJECTED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ERCAN SERVICE. SOYLEMEZ RECOMMENDED USG CONTACT THE ICAO PRESIDENT CONCERNING ICAO'S CURRENT VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

-- BOTH GOT AND TFSC VIEW ERCAN SERVICE AS A "CLOSED ATTER". HE SAID THAT 80 PERCENT OF ALL TRAFFIC UTILIZES THE ERCAN ADVISORY SERVICE THUS DEMONSTRATING IT IS "WELL ESTABLISHED AND OPERATING". HE CLAIMED THAT "EVEN THE GREEK SIDE IS COOPERATING" AND THAT "MOST OF THE GREEK (CONTROLLERS) WERE PASSING AIRCRAFT ON TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE".

-- AS A "PERSONAL REACTION", HE EXPRESSED HIS "SURPRISE" THAT THE USG INTENDS TO PUBLISH A NOTAM. THIS, HE SAID, UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD GENERATE "A LOT OF REACTION". AND WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN "INTERVENTION ON THE GREEK SIDE AND AS A NEW EFFORT TO INTERJECT A POLITICAL ELEMENT". SOYLEMEZ SAID THAT TURK CYPRIOTS WERE MOTIVATED SOLELY BY CONSIDERTAIONS OF AIR TRAFFIC SAFETY AND USG WOULD BE "WELL CONFIDENTIAL

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ADVISED" TO CONTACT DENKTASH FOR INFORMATION ON THE TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

-- BEST SOLUTION REMAINED THE TWO YEAR OLD TURK-CYPRIOT PROPOSAL TO REOPEN NICOSIA AIRPORT ON JOINT BASIS.

-- AS AN INDICATION THAT TURK-CYPRIOTS WERE INTERESTED ONLY IN AIR SAFETY, TFSC WAS WORKING ON PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A LINK BETWEEN ERCAN AND LARNACA.

4. SOYLEMEZ GAVE DCM COPY OF GOT PAPER ON THE ERCAN ADVISORY SERVICE WHICH HE HAD PRESENTED TO ICAO IN MONTREAL. COPIES BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT, MONTREAL AND NICOSIA. MACOMBER.
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER.

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